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May 22nd 1839.
re-assay of stand.d ingots.

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David Bradford, Esq.
Superintendent Br. Mint
New Orleans.

Mint of the United States.
May 22d, 1838.

Sir,

The assay-pieces referred to in your letter of the 5th inst., were received, from the Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday. Those from the standard ingots have been twice assayed by Mr. J. Eckfeldt, and I now report to you the following results.

No. 1	897.8	melt	40
2	897.8	"	16
3	900.4	"	12
4	898.6		47
5	899.5		25
6	900.8		26
7	901.7		35
8	898.6		44
9	900.		32
10	900.8		28
11	900.4		4
12	899.5		34
13	901.3		52
14	900.4		14
15	898.2		18

As these assays are all within the

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limits allowed by law, the coins made from the ingots may be received; although, as you have remarked, the 2d, and according to our assay the 1st also, are a little beyond the limits of the Mint regulations.

You will observe that the correspondence of Mr. Eckfeldt's assays with Dr. Hort's is quite satisfactory, none of them differing quite a millième.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful servant,
R. M. Patterson,
Director.

To/
David Bradford, Esq.
Superintendent of Branch Mint,
New Orleans.